

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2008

ITEM 1  
CALL TO ORDER

Present were: members Donnelly, Weber, Handel, Albert, Haskel, Wheeler. Anne K.

ITEM 2  
EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no absences.

ITEM 3  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Lauren's name.

ITEM 4  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was amended to move Bruce Connery to the beginning of the meeting. Agenda adopted as amended.

Bruce Connery, wildlife biologist from ANP gave an educational presentation on the importance of replacing road culverts with appropriate size arches or bridges. It is important that the width, shape and depth of the arch under road or driveway crossing be consistent with the natural water flow. Appropriate crossings allow for passage of fish and prevent flooding. Several accidents near the high school have occurred, due to undersized culvert. He suggests that when the town needs to replace a culvert, it does so with an appropriate arch or bridge. Undersized culverts need constant repair costing the town more money in the long run. The town can get grants to replace culverts with appropriate arches or bridges. John Kelly has given Jill an ordinance proposal. We will review and discuss it. Anne K. has the information- maps, the culvert survey. Bruce is happy to help with this and with a volunteer effort. Anne K. will talk with the League of Towns and sit down with Chip to go over crossings in Bar Harbor. They will start with the worst ones and apply for grants to fix Crooked Rd. We will follow up on this.

A. Composter wrap up- Enoch reports that Vicki says all remaining composters have been picked up. Enoch and Jill met with Ann Bohr to learn about restaurant composting- a big project. Perhaps we want to tackle smaller projects. We will do an education effort- newspaper pieces. We will revisit the restaurant recycling at a later date.

B. PUD changes- Anne K. reports on the latest proposal.

C. Cool Cities- Carla and Anne W. met with Mike Madigan of COA to learn about an energy audit. They also spoke with Anne K. They are gathering information and will report- what is the best way to go about an audit, to make goals, and to carry out solutions. An energy committee will be important.

C. Dark Skies review ordinance- Mary Ann reports that the proposed ordinance draft is ready. We discussed possible scenarios.

D. August Speaker- A motion was made to ask Mike M and a person from the Belfast energy committee to talk about a town energy audit, as we move forward with ours.

All were in favor. Other ideas- Gordon Longworth, Tom Wessel, the Smith family, Bruce Connery.

E. New member search- Tim Fuller declined- perhaps in the future. He is willing to help on special projects. Jill will be in touch with someone from MCHT. If not, we will ask Mike M.

#### ITEM 6

##### NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff reports- Jill reports that Anne K. won a cup for The Comprehensive Plan- Congratulations Anne!

B. Planning for June 17 meeting with the Council- We will make our plan effective July 1- to work with the fiscal year.

1. Progress with fresh water resources- secured some funding and contacted FOA for funding to publish the Northeast Creek brochure.
2. Promoting sustainable systems- Enock will report on number of composters issued.
3. Dark Skies- Mary Ann will report on ordinance proposal and education plan.
4. Energy Audit- Carla will report on information regarding energy audit and recommend that the town puts together an energy committee.

#### ITEM

##### ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Culvert replacements

Dark Skies under Old Business

August speaker search

new member search

#### ITEM 8

##### ADJOURNMENT

the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm